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Paying Homage to an Outspoken American Patriot

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You have never heard of him but the one person who might be described as the man who actually made the very existence of AMERICAN FREE PRESS possible made his ascent to Heaven on Sept. 25.We're referring to Jim Floyd from Cullman, Ala. who was one of the most outspoken — and genuinely colorful — figures of the American nationalist movement during the last quarter-century. Jim died at his home at age 75, survived by his supportive wife of 53 years, Sylvia, a son and daughter and three grandchildren.

It was Jim — a solid supporter of *The Spotlight* newspaper (AFP's forerunner) — who, by pure chance, learned of an impending plan to seize *The Spotlight*'s assets following a court judgment against the populist weekly and tipped off the editors. As a direct result of Jim's warning, *The Spotlight* filed for bankruptcy and temporarily derailed the scheme to shut down the newspaper, which ultimately succeeded.

In the meantime, however, *The Spotlight*'s editors had the chance to get to work and in 2001 set in motion a new publication — AMERICAN FREE PRESS.

A six-year veteran of the U.S. Army, Jim was a successful businessman, a pilot and an enthusiastic guitar-playing singer who — as a child — was known nationally (particularly across the South) as a child evangelist under the name "Little Jimmy Floyd."

Proudly politically incorrect, Jim's obituary in his local newspaper pointed out that he "believed in a code of Honor established for Sons of the South by General Robert E. Lee."

In the 1990s Jim achieved prominence as a no-nonsense and unabashed critic of the flood of illegal aliens that swamped his local community, leading local public protests under the banner of "Stand Up for Cullman." His efforts were noticed nationally and have been commemorated in a number of published scholarly works addressing the topic of the American national response to the immigration crisis, one of which quoted Jimas declaring, "I'm not ready for a world without borders."

The Washington-based FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT (FDFA) — the freedom-fighting advocacy group — came to Jim's defense on one occasion when he was arrested under circumstances (relating to his protests) that represented a clear-cut infringement of his First Amendment rights.

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